

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Di-Jia Liu, et al.)
Serial No. 10/708,042) Art Unit: 1745
Filed: February 4, 2004) Examiner: Dove, Tracy Mae
For: SOLID OXIDE FUEL CELL WITH)
INTERNAL REFORMING,)
CATALYZED INTERCONNECT FOR)
USE THEREWITH, AND METHODS)

ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 9, 2007, the Applicant makes the following election with traverse. A petition for an extension of time also is included herewith.

Restriction was required to one of four groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1 – 12;

Group II: Claims 13 – 14;

Group III: Claims 15 – 16; and

Group IV: Claims 17-20.

Applicants elect the Group I claims, Claims 1 –12, with traverse. Applicants submit that the restriction requirement is improper because Groups I – IV are sufficiently related such that searching all of them together would not be an undue burden.